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**PATENT**

Atty. Docket No.: 2891 (203-3665)

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): ARANYI, et al.

Examiner: Kathleen C. SAonnett

Serial No.: 10/798,028

Group Art Unit: 3731

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Dated: July 5, 2006

For: **CLIP APPLYING APPARATUS WITH CURVED JAWS, AND CLIP**

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P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL FORM**

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- [ ] Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- [ ] A verified statement to establish small entity under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- [ ] No additional fee is required.

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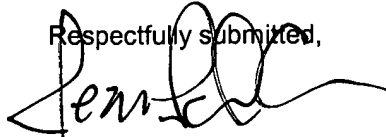
  
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Respectfully submitted,



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**AMENDMENT**

Dear Examiner:

In response to the Office Action dated May 16, 2006, please enter the following amendment as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.

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